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THE REHEARSAL Of Obſervator, &c.

An Anſwer *to What the* Obſervator *is to be upon. With his* Deciſion 'twixt 1. *the* Lords *and* Commons, *concerning* Writs *of* Error. *The* Review's ARREIGNING *the Government.* 2. MODERATION-Methods, *towards the Enſuing* Elections. 3.

From Saturday March the 17th, to Saturday March the 24th 1705.

1. *Obſervator.* WHat do'ſt think am I to be upon very ſoon? Thou pretends to Gueſs before hand what I will do, as well as to *Correct* me for what I have done. And thou haſt ſometimes *Anſwer'd* me, before I *Wrote*, That I have thought thee a *Witch*!

Country-m. As I told thee before, there is no *Conjuration* in this. For *Thou* and thy *Scandalous Clubb*, and all the *Whigg Heroes*, have but *TWO Topicks*, on which *YOU Ring* your *Changes*. The *firſt*, as to *Principle*, That *Senſeleſs* and *Baffl'd Notion* of *Power* in the *People*. So *Baffl'd*! That, as I have ſhew'd N. 25. *YOUR Mighty-Little D' FOE*, Gives up the *Cauſe*, Unleſs We will Grant him, That a *Part* is the *Whole*! Upon which *Suppoſition* all the *Popular Structure* is Fram'd. And it is Impoſſible for any *Cauſe* to be Reduc'd to a Greater and more *Self-Evident CONTRADICTION*.

Your other *Topick*, as to *Practice*, is, To *Vilify* and *Beſpatter* the *Government*, in all its *Adminiſtration*, from *Top* to *Bottom*. Thereby to *Alienate* the *Affections* of the *People* from it, and Prepare them for New *Revolutions*. And this is Conſequential to *YOUR Principle*, of *Power* in the *People*; which has no *Foundation*, and therefore can never *Reſt*, more than the *Troubl'd SEA*, *whoſe Waters caſt up Mire and Dirt*.

Purſuant to this, it is *Thy POST Particularly*, to ſpend thy *Verdict* upon all the Great *Tranſactions* of *State*, as in the Diſpute lately betwixt the two Houſes of *Lords* and *Commons*, concerning *Writs* of *Error* in Caſes of *Elections*, &c. And *Thou*, as *Trumpeter General* to the *Mobb*, art *Employ'd* to Tell them which is in the *Right*, and which in the *Wrong*, and to Diſpoſe them to *This* or *That SIDE*! Which is ſuch an *Inſolence*, 'tis ſtrange the *Government* ſhou'd Bear: And if ſuffer'd to Go on, 'twill be hard for any *Government* to *Stand*! To have the *Drum* beat, and *Parties* Openly Made for one *Part* of the *Conſtitution* againſt the other! What is this but a *Civil-War*, not *Beginning*, but *Begun*!

Upon this Head, *THOU* never Fails to take the *QUEEN'S Speeches* to Task. And Adorn them with *THY Animadverſions!* And *THOU* Always *Turns* them againſt the *Church*, and in Favour of the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*. Contrary to her *Majeſty's* Gracious *Intentions*, and what ſhe *Declar'd* from the *Throne*, the *firſt* time ſhe Sat upon it!

Now I ſuppoſe *Thou* wilt not leave thy old *Wont*. And therefore I Expect thy *SEDITIOUS Comment* upon this Laſt *Speech* of her *Majeſty*. And tell it before hand, to ſee if I *Gueſs* right. And I'll *Anſwer* it before-hand, for I know what Thou'lt ſay. Thou'lt turn that *Moderation* her *Majeſty* Recommends, as if meant only to the *Church*, to ſhew their *Moderation* to the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*; But not at all to Concern the *Diſſenters*, that they ſhou'd ſhew any *Moderation* towards the *Church*: But that they have free *Leave* ſtill to *Batter* and *Bomb* her, under the Name of *High-Church*! Nay more, to *Attack* her *Majeſty's* whole *Adminiſtration*, even in *Civil* Affairs; Thoſe eſpecially under the Conduct of her *Royal Conſort*. To Render them Both *Odious* to the *People*!

This has been thy Conſtant *Theam*, of which I have Sufficiently told thee. Yet thou ſtill hold'ſt on, in the ſame *Track*, becauſe thou find'ſt thou Can'ſt do it without *Puniſhment*.

And this Encourages the Reſt of the *Scandalous Club*. They Join their *Throats* and make a full *Cry* againſt the *Government*, and *Holloo MOBB* to *Hunt* it *Down*!

(2.) The *Review* of the 3*d* Inſtant, *Vol.* 2. N. 2. Speaking of the *State of the Nation*, puts what we ſuffer by the *War* in our *Trade*, &c. (which is Unavoidable, and affects other *Nations* Engag'd therein as well as Ours) wholly upon the *Sloathfull and Supine Negligence* (to Repeat his own words) of the *Government*. Our *Navy* (ſays he) *Great and Flouriſhing, but all her* (the Nations) *well laid Deſigns, either Defeated in their Preparations, by the Miſerable Methods, and ill Government, with Relation to the Seamen, or Diſappointed by the ill Conduct or Cowerdice of her Commanders.* And again, *It's* the (Nation's) *Civil Concerns in the utmoſt Confuſion of Parties— who purſue their Countries Deſtruction in their private Heats, and fill the Land with Cries, Oppreſſions, Inſults, and all ſorts of Confuſion. Blending together the moſt Abſurd Contradictions, ſuch as Propagating Religion by a Scandalous Miniſtry— Reforming Manners by debauch'd Magiſtrates, and Chooſing men to make Laws, and——by Bribery and Corruption.*

Here's ſuch a *Repreſentation* of the *Government*, as (if Believ'd) wou'd *Fright* every body at it. And for what other End is it Expos'd to the *Mobb?*

He ſays, he knows an Eaſy *Remedy* for all this. Which muſt be, To *Alter* the *Scandalous Miniſtry*. To put the *Whole* into the Hands of the *Whiggs*. They, at *firſt* Deſir'd only a *Part*, that they might not be *Precluded* their *Birth-rights*! And I told from the Beginning, That they wou'd not be Content with *That*. Only make Uſe of it, to *Screw* themſelves into the *Whole*. And now they begin to ſpeak out. Now, there are *Parties* and *Diviſions*! The *Church* will not ſuffer themſelves to be *Deſtroy'd*, without *Struggling!* But truſt the whole *Adminiſtrations* with the *Whiggs*, *THEY'LL* make *Peace!* As they have done in *Scotland*! Refuſing the *Church* that *Toleration* they Enjoy'd under Her. And *Perſecuting* Her from *City* to *City*.

Obſ. It is our *Right*! Of which *I* am *Judge*, as of the Diſpute 'twixt the *Lords* and *Commons*! And of which I ſay in Mine of the 10th. Inſtant, *N* 94. *A Right that he who Denies, ought to be made a Sacrifice of Attonement to an Injur'd People: And may that Man be Curſt that refuſes, at any time, to Aſſiſt in the bringing of ſuch a Perſon to Juſtice.*

Country-m. Here's a *Curſe ye Meroz*, with a Witneſs! And Pronounc'd not only againſt Any or All the *Judges*, if they ſhou'd Differ in Opinion, in this Point of *Law*, from the Worthy *Obſervator*, But againſt the whole *Houſe* of *Commons*, who have Diſputed this *Point*: Nay, againſt the *Queen* her ſelf, if ſhe ſhou'd be Perſuaded on their Side! And who is the *Judge* over all theſe? The *Injured People!* And by *De Foes* Logick, *HE* and *TUCHIN* are the *People!* Becauſe a *Part* is the *Whole*, and the *Leſſer* part Includes the *Greater*! A Noble *Foundation* of *Government*!

Obſ. De Foe do's ſay all this, as thou haſt Quoted his very *Words*, in thy *Rehearſal*, N. 25. And 'tis a Noble *Foundation* for all *Thee*. Do *thou Diſprove it, if thou Can'ſt!*

(3.) And I'le tell thee more. *WE'v* Reſolv'd to *Try* it once more. And that very ſoon, at the next *Elections*. *WE* have already ſet our *Engines* on Work all over the *Nation*, to *Blacken* and *Aſperſe* whomever *WE* don't Like, as *Jacobify'd* and *Frencify'd*, that is, whoever ſtand up for Mother *Church*!

Country-m. One of *YOUR Journey-Men* has been Snapt, *Edward Theobalds*, and Cenſur'd by the *Houſe* of *Commons*; who have, upon that, Paſs'd a *Reſolve*, *Nemine Contradicente*, the 2*d.* of this *March*, *That to Aſperſe any Member of the Houſe of Commons, with being in the Intereſt of the Pretended Prince of* Wales, *or the French Government, for or in Reſpect of his Behaviour and Proceedings in the Houſe of Commons, is Villanous and Seditious, deſtructive of the Liberties of Parliament, and the Freedom of Elections; and tends to Create a Miſunderſtanding between her Majeſty and her Subjects.*

Obſ. What Care *WE* for their *Nemine Contradicente's!* *WE* have *Legion'd THEM* to all the *Nation*, over and over again. And no *Harm* has Come to *US*! *WE'v* begun with *Bullying*, and *WE* ll End with it! It Carries *US* on *Purely*!

WE have Printed *Liſts* upon *Liſts* of the *Tackers*, ſince that *Reſolve*, and Re Printed *The Character of a Tacker* (with which *Thou* kep'ſt ſuch a Pother in thine of *Dec.* 23. N. 21. and thought'ſt to *Fright* Us) with Additions.

Country-m. How came you to *Limit* your ſelves to the *Tackers?* The whole *Houſe*, *Nemine Contradicente*, have Declar'd againſt *YOUR Wicked Proceedings*. And are Contrary to *YOUR Notion* of the *Writ* of *Error*. And are therefore *Curſt* by *YOU*, and *Doom'd a Sacrifice* to the *Injur'd People*!

Obſ. Let *US* alone. *WE* go on *Pi* and *Piano*. *WE'll Sacrifice* the *Tackers* firſt. *WE* can Eaſier Deal with the Reſt. *WE'll Purge* the *Houſe* firſt, and then Turn them *All* out of *Doors*, as our Late *Glorious* and *Im-Mortal Protector* did before Us. And *WE* have Trode *Religiouſly* in all his *Steps*.

Now you muſt know, That theſe *Tackers* are Men of the Greateſt *Bulk* in the *Houſe* of *Commons* for *Eſtates* and *Intereſt*; They have moſt of the *Knights* of the *Shires*. Therefore *WE* muſt get Rid of them. They will never do *OUR* Buſineſs. Some *Few* of them, perhaps may Expect to be *Leading-Men* in a *Common-Wealth*; But for the *Generality* of them, they Remember the *Sequeſtrations*, *Compoſitions*, *Declimations*, and *Forfeitures* in *Forty-One* times; And will never Run the Hazard of having their *Eſtates* Divided among all the *Raſcality* of the Kingdom. Therefore they will Oppoſe our *Puſs* with all their Might.

For this Reaſon, *WE* uſe all Endeavours to get them *Excluded* in the enſuing *Elections*. To which End *WE* have *Legions* of *Pamphlets*, *Characters*, *Sing-Songs*, &c. Ready to throw out Day after Day, among them *Mobile*, to keep them *Warm*; Wherein *WE* Aſſure them, That theſe *Tackers* are all of them *Papiſtes* and *Jacobites*, and have already Sold their *Country* to the *French*, tho' they have ſo great a *Stake* in it! For *WE* ſay, What will not *Bigottry* do? Then theſe being Supported by our *Standing Force* of *Obſervators*, *Reviews*, and the Reſt of our *Scandalous Club*, Weekly *Papers*, *WE* hope will have a Great *Effect*. Eſpecially Conſidering, that there is almoſt a Total *Silence* of the *Beſieged* on the *Church* ſide. They'r Practiſing their Old *Non-Reſiſtance*, and Cannot long hold out againſt our Furious *Attacks*! *WE* ſhall Certainly Gain the *People* from them, while they take no Care to Keep them. And think it Below them to uſe *OUR* little *Scribling* Methods. They'r Aſham'd to *Write*, unleſs *Politely*, which the *Mobb* don't underſtand.

But this is not all. *WE* have *Emiſſaries* and *Theobalds* in all Quarters through the *Kingdom*, to Back the *Circular Letters WE* have ſent every Where; And to give the *Word* at all *Elections*, No *Tacker*! No *Tacker*! No *High-Church-Man*!

And *WE* make not only thoſe who *Oppoſe US*, but all of the *Church* that do not *Aſſiſt US*, to be *High-Church-Men*; All that are not of *OUR* ſide, who do not *Speech* it, and *Preach* it up for *US*; And fall not foul on their own *Brethren* in the *Church*, who do but *Hint* at Old *Church* of *England DOCTRINS*, or *Mutter* at *Schiſm*, and wou'd have any Care taken of *Church* or *Conſtitution*. For *WE* have Declar'd againſt all *Neuters*. *WE* Treat all ſuch as Open *Enemies*. *WE* always have done ſo.

And theſe *High Flyers WE* Make to be *Papiſts*, All every one of them! This *WE* have long Inculcated, without *Oppoſition*. They *Deſpis'd OUR* bare ſaying ſo, without *Proof*, and thought it wou'd take with no body! But they now find it has Taken. And *Wonder* at it! Let them Underſtand their *Books*, but *WE* know *Men*. We know what it is to have a thing *Rung* in the *Ears* of *Mobb* Perpetually! And therefore *Watch* the leaſt *Innuendo* againſt *US*, and *Mark* ſuch Men, and *Expoſe* them in all our *Papers*. Which has *Silenc'd* moſt of them. They Dare not ſtand it! And *WE* go on to Expoſe them ſtill More and More, having Beaten them out of the *Field*! And now the *Elections* coming on, *WE* Rub up *Mobb* again, and *Repeat* what we have long Hammer'd into them, and which I make the laſt Words of my Laſt *SATURDAYS Obſervator* N. 96. (that it may be the more taken Notice of) where I make my *Country-Man* conclude thus, *Well Maſter, if All the High-Flyers in* England *are not Papiſtes in their Hearts, then I am no Country-Man.*

And *WE* do not only *ſay* ſo. But *WE* have Already given the *Word*, That ſuch of them as ſhall Dare to *Appear* at the Enſuing *Elections*, ought to be *Shot* through the *Head*. Of which I'll give thee full *Proof* at our next *Meeting*. *WE'll Intimidate*! *WE Bully*! That's the way to Deal with *Paſſive* Fools!

Country-m. Is this the *Moderation* Recommended to *YOU* by the Queen?

Obſ. It's to *YOU* She Recommends it. As I ſhall *Prove*.

Beſides *YOU* have *Moderation* Enough for *US* Both! And I'll Promiſe you *WE'll* take none of *Yours* from you. Much good may it do you!

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